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There are 2 Patent citations, which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 2-247383 was just recently cited by the Japanese Patent Office in regard to the corresponding Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-390105, issued on 16 February 2010. US Patent No. 5,087,476 is the US patent document which corresponds to Japanese Patent Publication No. Hei 2-247383.

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